

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2003**

The regular session of the Historic Design Review Committee was called to order on September 3, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auburn Civic Center, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.

**ITEM NO. I:           CALL TO ORDER**

MEMBERS PRESENT:       Barbara Nichols, Sandra Elder, Lynn  
  Carpenter, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Gadberry

STAFF PRESENT:           Reg Murray, Associate Planner; Janet Ferro,  
  Administrative Secretary

**ITEM NO. II:         APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**ITEM NO. III:       PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**ITEM NO. IV:       COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

**A.   1409 Lincoln Way – Law Offices of Brian Connelly (HDR 03-16)**

The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval to repaint the exterior of the office building located at 1409 Lincoln Way.

Reg Murray gave the staff report. He advised the Committee that the applicant has supplied two color diagrams to allow greater flexibility with the choice of colors. Both options are consistent with colors used for buildings in the Old Town District area and staff has no objection to either option.

The colors provided were discussed, the members agreed that both options followed the guidelines.

Barbara Nichols **MOVED** to accept both proposals, noting that the preference was for option #1 but leaving the final decision to the applicant.

**SECOND** by Sandra Elder.

**AYES:** Nichols, Elder, Chrm. Carpenter

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Gadberry

Motion approved 3-0, 1 absent.

**ITEM NO. V: HDRC REPORTS**

Lynn Carpenter reported that the tenant next door to Carpe Vino should be contacted as they are ready to open and it appears that they do not have permits for their signs. Reg advised that the owner had contacted the City about the sign painted on the window and it had been approved.

Lynn also noted that Carpe Vino may have more signage than allowed and staff should investigate whether a variance is required.

Barbara Nichols asked what could be done about all the illegal signs throughout the Old Town area. Reg advised that he had recently appeared at the Old Town Business Association meeting to speak on illegal sign abatement, and letters in this regard have also been sent out to the different commercial areas of town. There has been about 90% compliance in most areas, however in Old Town there has been only about 10% response. The City was attempting to give the several businesses with illegal signs the opportunity to all be part of one application so they could be reviewed at one time. Lynn Carpenter would like the OTBA to be more supportive of the concept of design review and assist in getting the word in an attempt to achieve full compliance.

Barbara Nichols advised that the Christmas Shoppe was repainting the building without approval of the colors; Reg will check on this.

There was discussion of A-frame signs. Lynn Carpenter stated that she did not feel there was anything really wrong with A-frame signs, it is a form of advertising that has been around for a long time, however design standards were needed. Reg pointed out that there are Public Works Department standards regarding the placement of these signs for clearances. Part of the City's outreach program is to let people know that we have a code enforcement officer who will be checking on existing signs for compliance.

## **VI FUTURE HDRC AGENDA ITEMS**

Sandra Elder provided information on a workshop on Historic Preservation Training for Local Government, Commissions, Boards and Staff.

Reg Murray announced that Monday, September 29, 2003 would be the first public hearing for the Planning Commission to review the Design Review and Historic Preservation ordinances.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Janet Ferro  
Administrative Secretary